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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Suggestion of Mr. Finan

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REFERENCE: Memorandum for Mr. Lay from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] same subject, dated 30 April

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The suggestion by Mr. Finan, to which you refer in the reference memorandum, was not made formally and was not intended to be an "official suggestion of the State Department" requiring any formal procedure by the Central Planning Staff.

The general gist of his suggestion which I communicated to you was as follows:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
It was therefore suggested that the possibility of interdepartmental exploitation of those documents might be considered in connection with Mr. [REDACTED] proposal regarding "Intelligence on Foreign Petroleum Developments". It was also suggested that the receipt of these documents might justify early action, possibly of an interim nature, on Mr. [REDACTED] proposal.

As I understand it, Mr. Finan made these suggestions in good faith but without any intention of prejudicing C.I.G. consideration of this matter. It is therefore entirely a matter for the Central Planning Staff to decide whether they will ignore, consider, reject, or accept the above suggestions.

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